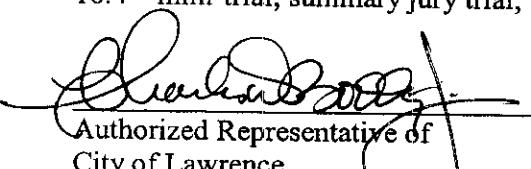


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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v.)
CITY OF LAWRENCE, CITY OF FALL RIVER,)
and FREETOWN/LAKEVILLE REGIONAL)
SCHOOL DISTRICT,)
Third Party Defendants.)

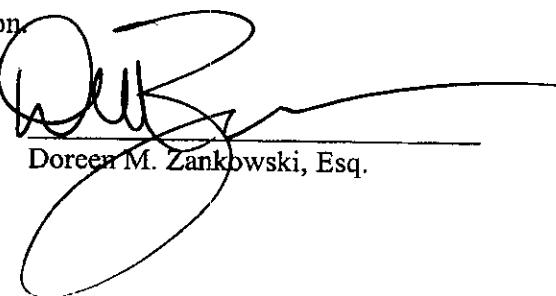
CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3),
Defendant City of Lawrence and its undersigned counsel have conferred with a view to
establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course, as well as various
alternative courses, of this litigation. In addition, Defendant City of Lawrence has
conferred with its undersigned counsel to consider the resolution of the litigation through
the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule
16.4 – mini-trial; summary jury trial; and mediation.



Michael J. Zankowski
Authorized Representative of
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DATED: August 19, 2004.



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